

# HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS COMMISSION

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## AUDIT COMMITTEE

### FIRST MEETING [2019]

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**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019 at 2:00 pm**  
**Room 1.60, 5 Storey Block, Leinster House**

## MINUTES

### Members Present

Mr Pat McLoughlin, Chair  
Senator Victor Boyhan

Mr Cyril Maybury  
Ms Noreen Fahy

Senator Catherine Ardagh

### Also in attendance were:

Ms Ramona Quinn, Head of Internal Audit.

Mr Jerome Flanagan, Internal Audit Unit, Secretary to the Committee.

Mr Peter Finnegan, Clerk of Dáil Éireann and Secretary General and Ms Máirín Devlin, Principal Officer, Office of the Commission & Secretary General for Items 7 & 8.

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The meeting convened at 2:15 pm.

### Apologies

Apologies were received from Senator Ned O'Sullivan and Mr Charles Hearne.

### 1. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 5 December 2018 were agreed with one amendment – that Senator Catherine Ardagh's name be added to the list of attendees at the December meeting.

### 3. Matters arising from the previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

### 4. Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2018 and document for insertion into the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission's Annual Report

Mr Flanagan outlined the details contained in the two documents.

The Committee agreed both documents.

### 5. Briefing for the Committee on the Audit Report on Members' Pensions and Termination Payments

Ms Quinn briefed the Committee in relation to this audit.

The Committee noted the Report.

## **6. Brief from Kosi Corporation re Salaries Audit**

Mr Flanagan outlined the current situation with respect to this audit which is ongoing. Ms Fahy asked that the Terms of Reference of the audit be circulated to the members.

The Committee noted the report.

## **7. Update on the Strategic Plan**

Mr Peter Finnegan, Clerk of Dáil Éireann and Secretary General updated the Committee on the Strategic Plan 2019 to 2021. Mr Finnegan noted that –

- the Oireachtas now has a staff of 511
- there are 550 political staff
- including Members, we now have over 1400 people on the payroll
- under the previous Strategic Plan we had a budget of €369 million. Under the new Plan, this will rise to €422 million.

Mr Finnegan noted that what was wanted of the new Strategic Plan was "A Parliament for the People" – a Parliament that is innovative and that we can be proud of as a nation.

The Committee thanked Mr Finnegan for taking the time to update them on the new Strategic Plan.

The Committee noted the new Strategic Plan.

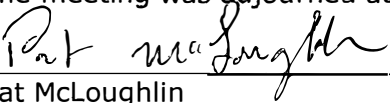
## **8. Risk Materialisation Report**

There were three risks reported on by Ms Devlin in the period 1 Nov 2018 to 3 Dec 2018. They were made up of the following – network failure in the Journal Office; Lotus Notes failure on the Debates Office; and no contact named by contractor as on call for any ICT issues arising over a weekend.

The Committee noted the Report.

## **9. Any other business**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.



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Pat McLoughlin

Chairman